



“All that I know now is partial and incomplete, but then I will know everything completely, just as God knows me completely.”

– 1 Corinthians 13:12b

Why is it that we work so hard in life to hold on to what we can never go back to? And at the same time, we are so afraid to grab onto what is right in front of us.

With summer winding down and school starting back, the so-called “lazy days of summer” are not only behind us, but the days and months ahead can be overwhelming. Family schedules change, deadlines loom, planning begins, meetings are set, demands are made for our time, and huge efforts become the norm. Perhaps, there is not only a feeling of being overwhelmed, but a sense of failure can be felt with what we believed life would be.

However, with God you are way more than just your past failures. Jesus said, “I hold the keys to the kingdom.” Jesus’ sacrifice was not made just to have us be reminded of who we used to be, but so we could be released to live in God’s kingdom now.

The difficulty comes when we think the world is what gives us that kingdom. No, it is a kingdom that only God can give us. And when we believe more in this world, that is when we begin to create other gods for ourselves. That is when we begin to substitute not only earthly things for God things, but we substitute temporary blessings for eternal blessings. We end up substituting things that we were not created for and are not supposed to have, for the things that God created to bless and fulfill us.

When the scripture passage above is directed at our own lives, we see that when life does not go our way, we often believe life is in chaos. We can lose hope and belief – not only in ourselves but in a God that can always create more than what is seen.

And yet, God always creates out of chaos. Out of chaos, God created the heavens and the earth. Out of chaos, the Holy Spirit came and the church was born.

So why do we often believe that chaos is so bad? Why can we not see that even in this present moment, God is creating something more? Out of the chaos in our lives, God is creating something more than was there before. When there is chaos in your life, trust that God is creating more than you can see or even comprehend in order for you to be the very child that God created you to be.

Love you all,
Pastor Keith

Pastoral Care Notes

We extend ongoing prayers of petition for comfort and healing to the following:
Congregational Care Circle of Concerns

Shirley Ayers
Ruth Machamer

Nancy Ellison
Bryan Staley

Nina Holder
Robin Weavil
...and prayers unspoken.

Homebound Friends, Nursing Home, Assisted Living & Independent Living Residents

Dare Burge	Nancy Ellison	Myrtis Holder	Dot Sides	Pat Vogler
Debbie Brooks (Kerner Ridge, Room A5)			Zane Chandler (Arbor Ridge, Room 209)	
Evangeline Davis (Cadence, Huntersville, Room E9)			Pratt Dunlap (River Landing, Colfax, Room HT107)	
Linda Heath (Cadence, Wake Forest Senior Living, Wake Forest)			Hugh & Willie Hill (River Landing, Colfax Room P301)	
Becky Hines (Bermuda Commons, Advance, Room 505B)			Jenny Linville (Arbor Ridge, Room 110)	
Carrie Lowe (Kerner Ridge, Room D-03)			Bub & Karen Manning (Salem towne)	
Josephine Mathis (Arbor Ridge, Room 211)			Patsy Rowell (Arbor Ridge, Room 218)	
Mary Lea Shreve (Kerner Ridge, Room A1)			Peggy Smith (Arbor Ridge, Room 111)	
Mona Terrell (Brookdale, 1560 Skeet Club Road, High Point, 27265, Room 17)			Ruth Tucker (Arbor Ride, Room 202)	
Robin Weavil (Davie Nursing & Rehab Center)			Sadie Weavil (Trinity-Elms, Clemmons, Room 402)	

October Feature Member - Hugh Hill

Age: 94 (Date of Birth: December 31, 1935)

Address: River Landing, 1575 John Knox Drive, Apt. P301, Colfax, NC 27235

Sedge Garden UMC Member since 1968 (56 years)

Our oldest male member of the church family retired from Western Electric (AT&T) one day before his 60th Birthday, after a career that took him around the world. From Saudi Arabia to North Dakota and New Jersey to White Sands, New Mexico. His favorite place of all that he traveled to was Kwajalein Island. There you rode bikes, swam, and waited for fresh milk, fruits, vegetables and eggs to be flown in from Hawaii a couple times a week. There was no television to be found! Hugh's specialty was helping to design and build missile sites for the government. On several of his jobs his sidekick and best friend was our very own Pratt Dunlap. Hugh has had a great life!

Hugh grew up in North Carolina and attended NC State University. His degree was in Industrial Engineering. His work was much more related to mechanical engineering and he had to learn as he went from job to job. "In his day" his favorite hobby was golfing, but his most endearing activity was being a gardener and father to three children: Carol, Hughie, and Candy. When asked what his most rewarding contribution to our church was, he stated "the establishment of our Preschool program 55 years ago." Hugh was a key player on the Administrative Board at the time of the pre-school's inception.

Hugh and his wife Willie have been together 65 years. Hugh visits with "his Willie" daily in the nursing facility at River Landing. Hugh still drives and keeps up with NCSU football and basketball. Both he and his wife miss the Golden Agers and love Sedge Garden UMC. Write Hugh and Willie a note or card, they would love to hear from you!



Gifts have been given to the following ministries...

In Memory Of

Betty Hastings Clark
General Fund

Hunter Atkins

In Honor Of

Joan Nichols & Widow's Luncheons

General Fund

Vonnie Motsinger

From the finance committee...

Needed to meet weekly budgeted expenses:

\$11,137.00

Giving in August: \$33,577.99

Mission and Ministry Fund Update



Dear Friends in Mission,

Thank you! The dear people you just helped with your gift to UMCOR may never have the opportunity to meet you, but if they did, I am certain their response would be—Thank you!

And through your financial support you are serving within a vital network of interactive relationships in the U.S. and in more than 60 countries in which UMCOR and partnering agencies engage in direct ministry to persons in need.

May we continue to reveal the love of God for men, women, and children of all ethnic, racial, cultural, and national backgrounds and to demonstrate the healing power of the gospel with those who suffer.



UMCOR

Global Ministries | The United Methodist Church

Grace and Peace,

Roland Fernandes

To the Congregation of Sedge Garden UMC, On behalf of our faculty, staff, and students, we thank you for the donation of clothing, toiletries, and school supplies. We are grateful for your thoughtfulness and generosity!

~Smith Farm Elementary School

Teenagers won't go to college and then start practicing their musical, athletic, intellectual, or entrepreneurial gifts. They are practicing them now. And regularly. Why in the world would we wait until they are out of high school to help them start developing the posture of serving?



Why would we wait until a later time in their life to help them identify how they can contribute to the mission of the church?

We are responsible to develop the next generation of leaders.

And the best way to develop someone is to give them opportunities coupled with encouragement and feedback. Serving and using one's spiritual gifts must be practiced. (Taken from "3 Reasons We Should Help Teenagers Serve in Their Church," by Eric Geiger.)



We are so thankful for an active church, one that seeks to serve the Lord in many ways! The Youth of SGUMC benefit from coming alongside the many ministries of the church to complete projects that reach around the world and share the love of Jesus with all people. Thanks to Rich and Sandra Hogan who so graciously cut the t-shirts needed so that the Youth could make jump ropes for the Samaritan Shoebox campaign coming soon. The Youth made 31 jump ropes!

Upcoming outreach opportunities: Blessing Box donations, Pumpkin Patch, October Crisis Control Item of the Month, Trunk-or-Treat, and the annual Pack-a-Thon.

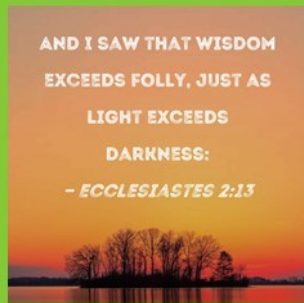
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YOUTH MINISTRY

24/7

UMYF Schedule

- September 22nd -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM (Corn Maze)
- September 29th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- October 6th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- October 9th - Carolina Classic Fair (Time TBD)
- October 13th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- October 20th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - 3-5pm - GYM
- October 26th - Trunk-or-Treat
- October 27th -
 - 9:45-10:45am - Small Groups
 - Spookywoods (Time TBD)



"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
 Matthew 5:16

Small Groups

The Youth of Sedge Garden UMC meet weekly for Small Groups during the Sunday School hour! There are so many benefits to having a small group meeting. First, teenagers have another significant adult that cares about what they do and the decisions they make.



In our Middle School Small Group, we have Chad Betters and Linda Eubanks meeting weekly to connect what we are learning in church to life through a confirmation curriculum. In the High School Small Group, Alex Gillis and Carrie Wilson lead the high schoolers to connect Biblical principles to their daily life through conversation that is guided by the Orange curriculum. Small Groups offer encouragement through connections both in the church

and outside it, and Youth are noticed when they are absent. Small Groups are a safe place where teenagers can wrestle with all that they are being taught about God, when the world doesn't align and throws them daily challenges. Each week we are able to plant spiritual truths that will stick with our teenagers as they grow, develop, and encounter life's difficulties. Just as Jesus invited the young people to sit with him and learn, so we have to create that opportunity at Sedge Garden UMC. We are so thankful for the adults who choose to pour into our young people, both in the current year, and in years past.



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Garden Kids Ministry

"Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he shall not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6

Children are the future of the church.

We've heard it said many times, and we have probably even said it ourselves. And so if children are the future of the church, it would be a wise investment for a church to create a space where children learn who God is, how much God loves them, and how He has equipped them for the good works He has planned for them. The Garden Kids Small Groups do just that. Our faithful Small Group Leaders plan lessons each week that engage the Kids on their developmental level in conversations and activities that teach them stories from the Bible and how to apply them to their daily lives. The Kids are also involved in mission projects that serve within and outside of the church. Above all, our Garden Kids Small Groups give the youngest members of the church a place to belong, feel welcome, and loved for exactly who they are! Thank you to our Small Group Leaders for your investment of time into the lives of the children in the Sedge Garden UMC family.



Amanda Better, Director of Garden Kids Ministry
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We all have “Skeletons in Our Closet” They are the very things we would rather just keep tucked away – hidden and just forgotten. However, God never defines us by our past. Even so, we not only have to deal with the consequences, but we have to learn how to clean out the “Skeletons in Our Closet” in order to move toward the future that God has planned as a blessing for us. Come to worship or join us online because we never know what or who is knocking on our door.

October 6th – “How To Move Past Your Past” 2 Samuel 12: 13 – 19
October 13th – “When Life Gets Messy” Genesis 38: 10 – 19
October 20th – “Making Up for Lost Time” Exodus 8: 8 – 10
October 27th – “Press On: Making A Future” Philippians 3: 12 – 14

REV + flow BY REFIT

TUESDAYS 6:30 PM
SEdge GARDEN UNITED METHODIST FELLOWSHIP HALL

Everyone, regardless of age, size or fitness level, is welcome to our free REV+FLOW class! We offer modifications and various options to ensure that EVERYBODY can achieve success. Join us for a workout in a supportive environment where you can transform TRY into TRIUMPH!

EVERY BODY BELONGS

FREE COMMUNITY FITNESS MINISTRY

Handbells · Wednesdays

@ 6pm in the Sanctuary

All are welcome!

Crisis Control MINISTRY

October 2024
Food Items of the Month
International Foods
(Masa, Dried Chiles, Sauces, Refried Beans, etc.)

Special Needs:
 Saltine Crackers, Cake Mix, Cake Frosting, Snack Items

Sedge Garden UMC Blessing Box

Items for Donation:

·Instant Milk	·Dried Beans
·Canned Meats	·Rice
·Canned Vegetables	·Salt & Pepper
·Soup/Crackers	·Condiments
·Peanut Butter/Jelly	·Canned Beans
·Pancake Mix/Syrup	·Canned Pasta
·PopTarts	·Dish/Hand Soap
·Cereal	·Paper Towels
·Grits/Oatmeal	·Toilet Paper
·Applesauce	·Hygiene Items

2024 SGUMC Pumpkin Patch
September 28th - October 31st

A fundraiser to support the Choir, Garden Kids, and Youth Ministries!

Sale Hours:
 11:30am-7:30pm on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday
 10am-8pm on Saturday · 1-5pm on Sunday

Volunteers needed! Sign up online!

Stitches of Love

Monday, October 7th
10:00am



Adult Fellowship
 Thursday, October 10th
 Meet in the
 Parking Lot @ 11am



Rachel's Roses Circle Meeting

October 10th
 6:30 pm
 ASK Classroom



Golden Agers

October 14th @ 1pm

Chicken Fingers, Roasted Potatoes, Green Beans, and Slaw

Pumpkin & Apple Pie Dessert

River Landing Band—31 member band using homemade instruments!



WIDOW AND WIDOWERS LUNCHEON

Wednesday
 October 23rd
 11:45am

CAPTAIN TOM'S RESTAURANT,
 KERNERSVILLE
 PLEASE JOIN US FOR A TIME OF FELLOWSHIP!



WWF Tulips

October 23rd · Wednesday @ 1:30 pm
 Stitches Room, Rm137

All ladies are welcome!



United Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday, October 27th
 7am
 Fellowship Hall

B.A.S.I.C. 
 Brothers and Sisters in Christ

Bazaar & Craft Show 

NOV. 2, 2024
8:30AM-1PM
 Soup and Grilled Cheese lunch starting at 11:00

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 Vendor Sign-Up:
bit.ly/basicbazaar2024



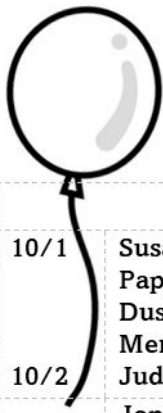
FEED the HUNGER
 It's more than a meal

Join us for the Pack-a-Thon!



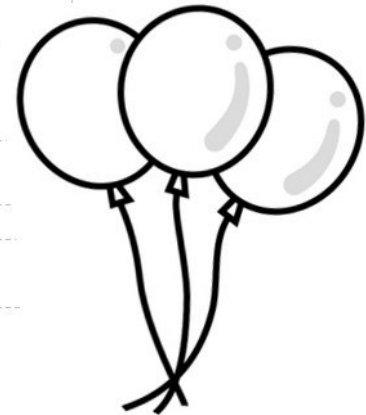
November 3rd
 @ 8:30am or 11am
 Sign Up
 Coming Soon!





October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays				Anniversaries	
10/1	Susan Burleson Pappy Manuel Dustin Marshall	10/16	Denny Holder Joan Nichols	10/1	Tim & Debbie Ritter
	Meredith Potler-Jack	10/17	Olivia Houseknecht	10/4	Josh & Maggie Miller
10/2	Judith Lee Buy	10/18	Lisa Chandler Linda Eubanks	10/6	Chad & Amanda Betteres Andy & Diane Hatfield
	Joni LeRibeus		Gale Love	10/7	Otis & Linda Eubanks
10/3	Erin Jackson	10/19	Paul Huffstetler	10/11	Jim & Peggy Mumaw Steve & Suzanne Williams
	John Ross Sage Swaim		Lisa Otey Carrie Wilson	10/21	James & Barbara Taite
10/4	Shirley Ayers	10/20	Auston Pegg	10/29	Zach & Lauren Heath Kevin & Megan Brady
	Charles Benson Scott Pope		Larry Robbins Darrell Walker		
10/5	Tracie Bedsole Venita Hunt	10/22	Richard Moore		
	David Roggenkamp	10/23	Jill Yokley		
10/6	Anna Beth Colby Cindy Eubanks	10/25	Jason Ring Kevin Hunter Ron Julian		
10/7	Mark Stewart		Ben Ritter		
10/8	Sonia Boles Glenn Carter	10/26	Payton Eubanks		
		10/27	Chandra Parker		
10/11	Brenda Berrier Lily Shetzler	10/28	Linda Schaefer Patsy Ebert		
10/12	Anthony Gurley Amy Hobbs Jamie Reid Justin Reid	10/30	Ben Manuel Chuck Driskill		
		10/31	Becky Honeycutt Kim Hunter		
10/13	Roger Daniel Crouse		Charlotte McFarland		
	Troy Machamer		Jill Mooney		
10/14	John Buckley				
10/15	Debby Alexander Michelle Edwards				



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